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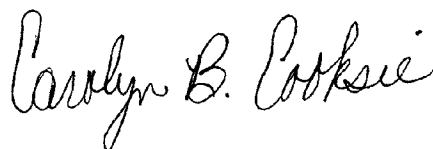
**Notice FLP-17**

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**For:** State and County Offices

**Suspension of Direct and Guaranteed Loans for Hog Production**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs



**1 Overview**

**A  
Background**

The swine industry is currently in crisis because of over supply and low prices. The Secretary is concerned that during this period of low prices, the availability of FSA credit programs may facilitate additional production capacity that will prolong the current hog price depression. Additional capacity is also likely to damage the prospects for long-term financial recovery in the industry. Continued financial stress on hog farmers may force and accelerate concentration of the production, processing, and marketing of hogs into fewer hands.

**B  
Purpose**

This notice temporarily suspends direct and guaranteed farm ownership and farm operating loan financing for the construction of specialized facilities used for the production of hogs.

**C  
Contact**

State Offices shall direct all questions about this notice to LMD.

**Disposal Date**

October 1, 1999

**Distribution**

State Offices; State Offices relay to County  
Offices

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### 2 Action

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#### A

##### **Applications With Suspended Processing**

Any application for a direct or guaranteed loan for the construction or expansion of a specialized hog production facility will be accepted but held in abeyance until the suspension is lifted.

A specialized hog production facility is defined as any building or enclosure and related equipment specifically to house, raise, or feed hogs of any size, age, or market class.

The loan processing time frames will not apply to these applications while the suspension is in effect.

County Offices will notify both applicant and lender that the application is being held.

All guaranteed lenders shall be notified of the suspension.

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#### B

##### **Applications Not Affected by the Suspension**

Direct and guaranteed loan applications for purchase, refinancing, maintenance, or repair of facilities currently in production, will continue to be processed.

Direct and guaranteed loan applications that were received by FAS County Offices on or before the date of this notice will be processed through to completion and will **not** be affected by this temporary suspension.

In all other cases, applications will only be processed when the Government's interest will be imperiled if the application is not processed.

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